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SUBJECT: SOPRANO MIRIAM BURTON

REF: DAKAR 5839 NOTAL

1. MIRIAM BURTON ADVISED CU/ARTS SHE TOURING AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS "BLACK WOMAN ELECTED OFFICER IN LABOR UNION (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCAST EMPLOYEES AND TECHNICIANS (NABET/AFL/CIO) TO EXPLAIN U.S. UNION ACTIVITIES AND WHAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES MAY HAVE AKIN TO U.S. LABOR UNIONS."

2. BURTON SURPRISED AND DELIGHTED AT POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM BUT PROBLEMS EXIST CONCERNING ACCOMPANIST AND TIME AVAILABLE FROM UNION ACTIVITIES.

3. DEPT. ADVISED BURTON THAT FIRST STEP IN PROCEDURE IS REVIEW BY MUSIC PANEL AND ASKED HER TO SEND TAPE AND PROGRAM

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MATERIAL FOR EVALUATION AT OCTOBER 6 MUSIC PANEL MEETING.

FYI: BURTON DID NOT TOUR UNDER DEPT. AUSPICES. USIS
PICKED HER UP FOR CONCERTS IN GERMANY IN 1959. BURTON WAS
NOT ENDORSED ARTISTICALLY BY MUSIC PANEL IN 1956 AND 1958
AND HAS NOT SUBMITTED TAPES OR RECORDS SINCE THAT TIME.
END FYI.

4. BURTON'S ITINERARY AS UNION REPRESENTATIVE FOLLOWS:

LONDON - NOVEMBER 3-7
NAIROBI - NOVEMBER 7 TO 11
KINSHASHA - NOVEMBER 11-15
ACCRA - NOVEMBER 15-19
DAKAR - NOVEMBER 19-24
PARIS - NOVEMBER 24-26

5. WHEN EVALUATION, RECENT PUBLICITY AND PROGRAM MATERIAL
RECEIVED, DEPT. WILL ADVISE POSTS. IF POSTS INTERESTED
SCHEDULING CONCERT ADVISE IF LOCAL PIANIST AVAILABLE.
PERFORMANCE DATE WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH LOCAL
ORGANIZATION SCHEDULING HER UNION ACTIVITIES.

6. PER DAKAR REQUEST USIA INITIATING IOS CLEARANCE.
CU/ARTS NO LONGER DOES NAME CHECKS ON PERFORMING ARTISTS.
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